

3. POLICE WARD REPORT

The committee considered a report (copies of which had been circulated) by Inspector Adam Smith, Police Scotland, providing an update on performance, activities and issues across the ward for the period up to 31 May 2017.

The report provided a range of statistics for the months of February, March, April and May with comparative figures for the same period in 2016 noting that across the ward the figures were either in line with the rest of West Lothian or better.

Inspector Smith advised the committee that April had seen a spike in anti-social behaviour calls and that on closer scrutiny of the calls the increase was mainly attributable to three particular addresses in the Craigshill area. Police were working closely with colleagues at Almond Housing and at the council on the situation.

Inspector Smith also spoke about the recent East Calder Gala Day which had coincided with a Scotland football match. The situation had been dealt with in a robust manner and Police Scotland had in fact reviewed its procedures for the gala days following the recent terrorist incidents across the United Kingdom.

Information continued to be provided in relation to road safety measures in the ward including the monitoring of scrambler bike usage in the Pumpherston area, continued monitoring of parking along Main Street, East Calder and continuing to work with parents with regards to road safety around primary schools.

The report concluded with a brief update on substance misuse and acquisitive crime.

Decision

1. To note the content of the report;
2. To note Police Scotland comments in relation to the policing of the recent East Calder Gala Day;
3. To note the increase in anti-social behaviour calls in May and the reasons for this; and
4. To seek the support of Police Scotland colleagues in promoting the introduction of 20mph limits on Main Street, East Calder, Main Street, Mid Calder and Main Street, Kirknewton.